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SUBJECT: FY89 SCP FOR AFGHANISTAN: "U.S. POLITICAL PROCESSES  
AND INSTITUTIONS": MAY 22 - JUNE 17, 1989

1. FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSAL FOR THE SUBJECT SINGLE-COUNTRY  
GROUP PROJECT AS DEVELOPED BY THE PROGRAM AGENCY, THE ACADEMY  
FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION  
WITH THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS AND FORWARD ANY REQUESTS FOR  
CHANGES TO E/VGN (SCHNIERER) ASAP:

2. WASHINGTON, D.C. MAY 22 - 25, 1989:

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THREE DAYS,  
TO INCLUDE ORIENTATION AND SEMINARS INTRODUCING THEM TO U.S.  
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM, THE ELECTION  
PROCESS, AND THE MULTI-CULTURAL NATURE OF U.S. SOCIETY. ON  
THE MORNING OF MAY 22, USIA AND AED STAFF WILL WELCOME THE  
PARTICIPANTS AND DISCUSS THE PROJECT'S ADMINISTRATIVE  
DETAILS, GOALS, ACTIVITIES, AND CALENDAR. THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT WILL BE ASKED TO HOST A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE  
PARTICIPANTS WITH INVITEES TO INCLUDE A VARIETY OF PERSONS  
INVOLVED IN AFGHAN AFFAIRS. A TOUR OF WASHINGTON WILL TAKE  
PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON, TO INCLUDE STOPS AT THE NATIONAL  
ARCHIVES, NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ILLUSTRATE THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY  
OF THE CITY, THE SUPREME COURT, THE CAPITOL, THE WHITE HOUSE  
AND THE ISLAMIC CENTER.

DURING THEIR INITIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS  
WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH DR. KARL CERNEY,  
PROFESSOR AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, TO DISCUSS THE U.S.  
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE DIFFUSION OF  
POWER, THE OPENNESS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT AND THE  
SEARCH FOR CONSENSUS IN DECISION-MAKING. ADDITIONALLY, THERE  
WILL BE A SESSION COVERING THE ROLE OF FREE ELECTIONS AND THE  
POLITICAL SELECTION PROCESS. A PANEL DISCUSSION WILL ALSO BE  
INCLUDED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS SUCH  
AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER  
EDUCATION, THE HISPANIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE GRAY  
PANTHERS AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HANDICAPPED. THE  
FOCUS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE THE MULTI-CULTURAL,  
MULTI-FACETED NATURE OF U.S. SOCIETY AND HOW THESE VARIOUS  
INTEREST GROUPS HAVE OR HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN ATTAINING  
POLITICAL POWER.

3. CHARLOTTEVILLE, VIRGINIA (MAY 25 - 28 1989):

FOLLOWING A TRAIN RIDE TO CHARLOTTEVILLE ON THE MORNING  
OF MAY 25, AN AFTERNOON SESSION WILL INTRODUCE THE  
PARTICIPANTS TO THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE AND HOW IT  
INTERSECTS WITH STATE POLITICS, THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH  
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE CITY  
COUNCIL. WHILE IN CHARLOTTEVILLE, THEY WILL GO TO THE

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE POLITICAL  
CLIMATE THAT PREVAILED AT THE TIME THE U.S. CONSTITUTION WAS  
BEING DEVELOPED, AND ON THE BASIC TENETS OF THE FEDERAL  
SYSTEM AS ARTICULATED IN THAT DOCUMENT; THERE WILL ALSO BE A  
SESSION DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE OF THE COURTS IN  
INTERPRETING THE CONSTITUTION. FINALLY, ON SATURDAY, MAY 27,  
THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN A GUIDED TOUR OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND THOMAS JEFFERSON'S HOME, MONTICELLO.

4. ATLANTA, GEORGIA (MAY 28 - MAY 31, 1989)

IN ATLANTA THE PARTICIPANTS WILL VISIT THE MARTIN LUTHER  
KING CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE EBENEZER  
BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE THEY WILL HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF ONE OF  
THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN U.S. HISTORY, THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. DURING THE ATLANTA PROGRAM, THEY WILL  
VISIT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT,  
WHICH WILL PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE HISTORY OF VOTER  
REGISTRATION AND CONTINUING EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. THEY WILL  
ALSO VISIT ONE OF THE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES LOCATED IN  
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ATLANTA TO DISCUSS EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND TO CONTRAST A SMALL PRIVATE INSTITUTION WITH THE LARGER STATE UNIVERSITY THE Y WILL VISIT IN OMAHA. WHILE IN ATLANTA WE HOPE TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE VISITORS AND MAYOR ANDREW YOUNG (OR MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF) TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF AN URBAN MAYOR. THERE WILL ALSO BE A REQUEST FOR HOME HOSPITALITY IN ATLANTA FOR EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

5. SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO, CA MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 1989:

DURING THEIR STAY IN SACRAMENTO THE GROUP WILL ATTEND A SESSION AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE POWERS OF THE STATES RELATIVE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL ALSO OBSERVE THE LEGISLATURE IN ACTION, ATTEND A SESSION ON HOW BILLS ARE RESEARCHED AND DRAFTED, AND VISIT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES IN SESSION. THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE OFFICE OF A PROMINENT POLITICIAN TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS ON BOTH THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. PARTICIPANTS WILL THEN TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR A WEEKEND OF RELAXATION AND SIGHTSEEING.

6. OMAHA, NEBRASKA (JUNE 5 - JUNE 10, 1989):

ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA. KEY TO THIS COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT IS THE CENTER FOR AFGHANISTAN STUDIES AT THE OMAHA CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THEIR STAY, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET WITH DEAN THOMAS GOUTIERRE OR A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF FOR A ONE-DAY SEMINAR TO DISCUSS THE CENTER AND THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS AND THE CENTER'S STAFF. THE SESSION WILL ALSO REVIEW THE U.S. POLITICAL PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AND DISCUSSED TO THAT POINT IN THE VISIT.

IN OMAHA PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO FARMS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, IN THE NEARBY COUNTRYSIDE. THE PURPOSE WILL BE TO FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE AS AN EXAMPLE OF A LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUE THAT HAS BECOME NATIONAL IN SCOPE. ITS "POLITICAL" ASPECTS WILL BE EXAMINED WITH FARMERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

ADDITIONALLY, PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET KEY PERSONNEL COVERING POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS AT THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD TO DISCUSS NOW POLITICAL ISSUES AND CAMPAIGNS ARE COVERED BY A LARGE NEWSPAPER AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND INFORMATION WITH REPORTERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

PARTICIPANTS WILL THEN TRAVEL THE SHORT DISTANCE TO THE STATE CAPITAL, LINCOLN, TO LEARN ABOUT NEBRASKA'S UNIQUE UNICAMERAL STATE GOVERNMENT AND ITS NON-PARTISAN STATE

ELECTIONS; HOME HOSPITALITY WILL BE ARRANGED WITH STATE SENATORS AND OTHER POLITICIANS. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL RETURN TO OMAHA FOR A SESSION TO REVIEW THEIR EXPERIENCES IN NEBRASKA AND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

7. NEW YORK, NEW YORK (JUNE 10 - 13, 1989):  
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO

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NEW YORK CITY. ON SUNDAY THEIR INTRODUCTION TO NEW YORK WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO A MOSQUE, GENERAL SIGHTSEEING, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A CULTURAL EVENT. THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY WILL VISIT FREEDOM HOUSE INTERNATIONAL TO DISCUSS ITS AFGHAN PROJECT AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE UNITED NATIONS; INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED BY THE PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR THIS DAY, FOLLOWED BY TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO WASHINGTON, D.C., LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

8. WASHINGTON, D.C. (JUNE 13 - 16, 1989):

DURING THEIR FINAL WEEK IN WASHINGTON THE PARTICIPANTS WILL VISIT THE VOICE OF AMERICA (WHICH MAY INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS, WITH THEIR CONSENT), AND THE WIRELESS FILE. THEY WILL VISIT THE SUPREME COURT FOR A BRIEFING ON THE ROLE OF THE COURT. A MEETING WITH A PROMINENT POLITICIAN, SUCH AS SENATOR GORDON HUMPHRIE (OR A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF) WILL ALSO BE PLANNED. VISITS TO CAPITOL HILL OFFICES WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INVOLVED AND INTERESTED IN AFGHAN AFFAIRS.

THE GROUP WILL ATTEND A DAILY PRESS BRIEFING AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE WHITE HOUSE, TO ILLUSTRATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE U.S. PRESS IN COVERING THE GOVERNMENT, AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A FREE AFGHANISTAN. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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